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1. In August 1949, Japanese repatriates from the USSR began to report the appointment of Marshal Kirill Afanasevich Meretskov\* as Soviet military adviser to the Chinese Communists. Even before the official announcement of the establishment of the Communist Peiping government, the Marshal was said to have been accepted by the Chinese Communists.
2. From 1945 to 1947 Marshal Meretskov was commander of Primorski (Maritime) Military District and was closely associated with the Chinese Communists in the Northeast, since his command included Port Arthur and Dairen as well as North Korea. In early 1949 he was appointed commander of the Moscow Military District and left the Far East.
3. Chinese Communists in Canton noted that Marshal Meretskov was not included among the officials at Marshal Tolbukhin's funeral in October 1949, nor in the group who greeted Chinese Communist Ambassador WANG Chia-hsiang, despite the fact that he is a close friend of WANG's. From these circumstances they assume that he has left Moscow, and since Meretskov is one of the high ranking Soviet officials reputedly best acquainted with Far Eastern affairs, they conclude that he is probably acting as adviser in Peiping, although no official announcement of his presence has been made.\*\*

25X1X \* [REDACTED] Comment. Meretskov is listed in International Who's Who, 1947, with the following information:

"Meretzkov, Marshal Kiril Afanasjevich; Soviet officer. Served Soviet-Finnish War 40; recaptured Tikhvin 41; one of Commanders N.W. front 41-42; early, in charge military training; Vice-Commissar of Defense; Comdr. Volkhov front 43-44, Leningrad front 44; awarded Order of Suvarov 44, Order of Lenin 45, Order of Victory 45; Comdr. Karelian front Troops 44. Moscow, Commissariat of Defense."

25X1X \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. In early January 1950 a Soviet officer reported as "Miletsikov" was said to be in Fuxien on an inspection tour.

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